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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) ~~The A fuel reformer according to claim 2~~ for reforming a hydrocarbon rich gas, wherein at least a part of material composing the reformer is a material containing at least Cr, Ni, Si and Nb by Cr 17 to 20 mass %, Ni 8 to 14 mass %, Si 2 to 4 mass %, Nb 0.05 to 0.5 mass %, and the remaining ingredients include Fe and inevitable impurities (C, Mn, P, S or others).

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) The fuel reformer according to claim 3, wherein a portion ~~where that~~ raw fuel introduced from a raw fuel inlet of the reformer and steam ~~come into contact with~~ is composed of said material.

8. (Cancelled)

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9. (Currently amended) The fuel reformer according to claim 7, wherein a portion ~~where~~ that raw fuel introduced from a raw fuel inlet of the reformer and steam ~~come into contact with~~ and which is a heated portion is composed of said material.

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